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25 February 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: The DDI
The A/DCI

SUBJECT: Report on Speaking Engagement at University
of Cincinnati, 18 February 1976

1. At your joint request I made arrangements in January to speak at the University of Cincinnati Winter Quarter Red, White and Blue speakers series. Organizer for the event was Chad Solomon, a student (senior, Political Science) who is President of the Student Program Board. We agreed on the date, that there would be no off campus advertising and that the press would not be invited to attend. We both understood that it would be impossible to prevent news reporting of the event if someone chose to do so.
2. When I arrived in Cincinnati I found that my appearance had been announced by a series of posters around campus. The campus newspaper had failed to run an announcement because of their decision not to publish on the Washington's Birthday holiday. In an effort to insure sufficient attendance at the meeting, Chad Solomon had told the city newspapers on 17 February (Enquirer and Post) that I was coming on 18 February. He hoped that students would see the article there, if not in the campus press. I do not believe the city papers ran the story, though Chad is trying to find out. The local media certainly knew I was coming, however.
3. I was to speak to a group of 100-150 students in a lounge of the Student Union at U.C. at 1230. During lunch, Chad went to check the room to be certain that a microphone had been set up for me, and chairs for the audience. When he returned, he said that a television cameraman was there, reporters from at least one TV station, some radio stations, two newspapers, and the campus FM station that broadcasts throughout Cincinnati. (There were about eight microphones on the table.) I told Chad that I didn't want to turn the event into a press conference. He left the handling of the press to me. I called the A/DCI long distance to go on record with the problem, and proceeded to the meeting.
4. When I was introduced, I said that some weeks earlier I had been invited to talk on 18 February, that my speech would

inadvertantly follow the President's by only a few hours, and that I did not believe it appropriate for me to appear to be interpreting either the President or Mr. Bush for the media. I had come to speak to students about intelligence in the foreign policy process. I did not wish to be recorded, but told the press they could stay if they wished. Only representatives from two newspapers, and one photographer, stayed.

5. I talked from a text and notes that I had prepared for the DDI to use at the Minority Employment Conference in October. It was a presentation that outlined how the community and the Agency are organized to do their work, and described the variety of services performed in a general way. I made regular reference to a copy of the 1947 Act. Based upon what the President had said the night before, I suggested general ways that the organization of the Intelligence Community might change.

6. I spoke from about 1245 until 1445, including a long period of questions from the crowd of about 100 people. I would class most of the questions as "fair with an edge." The representative of the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) spoke on about three occasions during the question and answer session, but seemed unable to get the crowd interested in her approach ("the government, in all of its manifestations, does not serve the people's interest"). YSA had also passed out handbills in my honor (copy attached).

7. Among questioners, there was much interest in covert action, how it was approved/initiated, whether it was proper. There was concern that CIA had not adequately informed the Congress over the years, and that Congress had failed in its oversight function. Some wondered if Director Bush was too political to be DCI. There were questions and charges about assassination, including the Kennedy and King cases. One fellow was critical of our "inability" to predict events when there was ample information (he had nearly been killed in the Tet offensive). A number of people asked how to get a job.

8. I went from this talk to a small (15) freshman honors class in Political Science. I spoke and answered questions for about an hour. They were interested in the Executive-Congressional aspects of foreign affairs and foreign intelligence. One student in the class was a cub reporter for the campus newspaper. He taped the session with my permission, though his machine malfunctioned throughout the hour.

He guaranteed that he would not write for the professional press, and the professor, Barbara Bardes, was sure to hold him to his pledge. She asked several questions to guide the group, and displayed a sophisticated understanding of the D.C. environment.

9. After dinner, I spoke for about two hours to a small (12-15) group of students from the Student Political Science Association. I was competing with a cross-town basketball rivalry, so attendance was low. This was a sound group of students. They asked the best questions of the day, zeroing in on some of the philosophical aspects of the conduct of foreign policy. They had neither more nor less concern about the proper role of intelligence than a group of 12-15 CIA professionals might have had. However they felt about intelligence as individuals, they each seemed to have a very realistic view of the world.

10. The series of talks was successful. The Agency received fairly broad exposure on campus and in a relaxed way that did not indicate fear or unwillingness to deal with either truth or allegations. Such appearances should be repeated whenever the opportunity arises.


STAT 11. I took along a number of unclassified reference aids (from [] CRS, OER, OPR, OGCR), and told the students that such aids are available for sale to the public. They were impressed. I left the pack, along with copies of the Bush and Colby confirmation hearings, with the Political Science Department. They will be loaned to any interested students (the library seemed to be low in the confidence of the students as a repository for anything to which they wished access).

12. If I have one strong impression from the trip, it is that most of the students -- the brightest, the leaders, the followers, the academic strugglers -- are basically suspicious of the government. Not so profound an observation, perhaps; yet, my own college generation was suspicious and cynical in a different way. Most of us "joined" the government or the corporations believing that our skepticism would be relieved by real experience. These students seem much more likely to enter the government or corporations because of their skepticism. They want to change things. They don't believe that real experience will disprove what they now

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"know." They are more polite than the kids of the sixties, and more whole. They seem determined that whatever "the system" is, it should stress public responsibility.

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Coordinator for Academic Relations

Attachments:

"CIA Threat" flier

Base correspondence and notes

One line from Cincinnati 11 p.m. news (channel 12, ABC)

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CIA - Threat to Political Freedom

The speaker at this Wednesday' Red, White, and Blue series forum, will try to convince us that the crimes of the CIA are necessary for "upholding the rights of the free world" or are in the interest of "national security."

Assassination attempts, military and economic support to right wing and fascist governments, surveillance and victimization of anti-war leaders, campus groups, foreign students, Black organizations, women's liberation activists, and socialists have all been admitted to by the CIA.

-ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS

The CIA has admitted to attempting or having plotted the deaths of Salvadore Allende of Chile, Patrice Lumumba of the Congo, Trujillo of the Dominican Republic, Fidel Castro, Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, and others.

-SUPPORT TO DICTATORSHIPS

Economic and military support have found their way to the Franco regime in Spain, Salazaar and Caetano in Portugal, the Shah of Iran, Marcos in the Phillipines, Rhee in South Korea, and Pinochet's junta in Chile.

-OPERATION CHAOS

Surveillance and "disruption" tactics similar to the FBI's Cointelpro operations, used against a very wide variety of political activists, campus groups, foreign students, Black Organizations, and others.

-COVERT OPERATIONS IN ANGOLA

Recently, the CIA has been actively recruiting mercenaries to fight in Angola, and has been supplying armaments and napalm, at the expense of, not in the interests of, the Angolans, and the American people's right to decide on our foreign policy.

The Young Socialist Alliance believes that the CIA should be abolished, and not replaced or "guided" by the congress or its "oversight" committee, or the president. It has been fully documented that the past six presidents, at least, and congresses under them have been aware of, and gave approval if not the original orders, to carry out the illegal activities of this agency. Much of the documentation released, has been a result of the Political Rights Defense Fund suit, whose plaintiffs are the Young Socialist Alliance, Socialist Workers Party, and others. The defense of everyone's democratic rights is at stake in this case. The axis of this case is the question: Does the First Amendment protect the free speech of everyone including those who actively oppose administration policy? If you are interested in finding out more about this suit, fill out and mail the coupon at bottom, to: YSA, Box #340, Tangemann Center,

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- ☐ I want more information on the Socialist Workers Party Campaign.
- ☐ I want to join the YSA.

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OFFICIAL ROUTING SLIP

TO	NAME AND ADDRESS	DATE	INITIALS
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4	please take this task. 22		
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6	ATDC		
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Remarks:

This is the U. of Cincinnati proposition. Do you, then, have a non-O.F. fellow to offer up? We'll cope. AT

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FROM: NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NO. DATE

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TRANSMITTAL SLIP		DATE 14 Jan 1976
TO: A/DCI		
ROOM NO. 1F04	BUILDING Hq	
REMARKS: Angus-- Per our telecon, I will attend for the Agency. You will answer the letter in the first instance. I prefer 18 Feb, but 11 Feb would be all right. I'll be down to study soon.		
FROM: CAR		
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OFFICE OF STUDENT GROUPS
AND UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

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January 3, 1976

Mr. Angus Thuermer
Assistant to the Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Thuermer:

The University of Cincinnati Student Speakers Bureau is planning its Red, White and Blue speakers series for Winter Quarter, 1976. The series, entitled "Politics, Policy and Power," is scheduled for Wednesdays at 12:30 PM throughout the months of January, February and March. We would be especially pleased to have a representative of the Central Intelligence Agency included in our series.

The C.I.A. is an important and necessary Agency of our government. At the present time, though, the Agency has come under sharp criticism and even Congressional attack for its operations. Allegations concerning covert activity both at home and abroad abound, with charges ranging from the equipping and controlling of private armies and involvement in political assassination to the charge that the Agency is a freewheeling and uncontrolled force with secret directives and motives. I feel that it is now important for the Agency to re-educate the American people to the purpose and function of the C.I.A.

I would like to invite a representative of the C.I.A. to campus, to discuss the role of the Agency in the framework of American government. This would possibly include an examination of the operations of the C.I.A. in foreign countries, a discussion of the Agency as an intelligence gatherer, and insight to the formation and implementation of Agency policy. A consideration of the Agency as a tool in domestic and foreign policy and its role in our national security might also be discussed. An examination of the charges made against the C.I.A., and a rebuttal to them, would be in order, and is invited.

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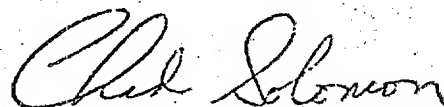
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The format is as formal or informal as would be desired. We will be using a medium sized lounge for the presentation, and the expected audience size would range from 75 to 150 persons. The speaker might prepare a talk from 45 minutes to an hour in length, and would have approximately 30 minutes to answer general questions from the floor.

Concerning the date of the C.I.A. presentation, I realize that the availability of representatives with the background and ability for such a presentation, and the desire to speak to a university audience, is not constant. The dates of February 11 and 18 are particularly convenient, if arrangements could be made for either. Other open dates remain if a highly qualified representative who you feel would best fit the bill is unavailable on those dates. With sufficient notice, I would be happy to fit the date to your convenience.

Any special arrangements or suggestions for topic matter would be discussed gladly. I would be more than glad to answer any other questions or provide more information to you. I hope to hear from you soon so that I can work out any scheduling problems that might arise. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,



Chad Solomon
President
Student Program Board

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Mr. Chad Solomon
President, Student Program Board
University of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, Ohio 45221

Dear Mr. Solomon,

Thank you for your letter of January 3.

I am glad to tell you that one of our senior officers will be glad to appear. He suggests that he would prefer February 18 if that works out with you.

If this is in order, please give me a call (703-
 or a note and I will have him get directly in touch with you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Angus MacLean Thuermer

Angus MacLean Thuermer
Assistant to the Director

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